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1. WE FELT MUCH OF THE LANGUAGE ON U.S.-TURKISH AGREE-
MENT TRANSMITTED PARA 4 REF A WOULD CAUSE US SERIOUS
DIFFICULTIES WITH TURKS IF INCLUDED IN GREEK-U.S.
EXCHANGE OR USG PUBLIC STATEMENT. WE BELIEVE THIS RISK
IS SUBSTANTIALLY REDUCED IF THESE COMMENTS APPEAR IN A
LETTER REPLYING TO SPECIFIC INQUIRIES FROM A CONGRESSMAN,
AS PROPOSED REF B.

2. WE ARE, HOWEVER, DEEPLY CONCERNED BY NEW SENTENCE
INSERTED IN LANGUAGE ON U.S.-TURKISH AGREEMENT TRANS-
MITTED PARA 4 REF B STATING, "THUS IT IS CLEARLY UNDER-
STOOD BY THE TERMS OF THE AGREEMENT THAT OUR MILITARY
ASSISTANCE TO TURKEY IS PROVIDED ONLY FOR NATO PURPOSES
AND THE COMMON DEFENSE." PARTICULARLY SINCE THE FINAL
STATEMENT THAT USG WOULD OPPOSE OTHER USES IS RETAINED,
TURKS CAN BE EXPECTED TO REACT VERY STRONGLY TO
PUBLICATION OF THIS LANGUAGE. AS MINIMUM THEY WOULD
PROBABLY FEEL COMPELLED TO ASSERT PUBLICLY THEIR RIGHT
TO USE U.S.-PROVIDED MILITARY EQUIPMENT FOR LEGITIMATE
SELF-DEFENSE AND TO PARTICIPATE IN COLLECTIVE ARRANGE-

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MENTS CONSISTENT WITH THE CHARTER OF THE UNITED NATIONS

AS SET FORTH SECTION 502 OF 1961 FOREIGN ASSISTANCE
ACT. WE, THEREFORE, STRONGLY URGE THAT THIS SENTENCE
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